

In addition to meeting its charitable objectives, the church serves as the site of worship for three other churches. In the past, it also opened its doors to the Filipino Congregational Church of San Bruno. During the day, squeals of laughter from children can be heard in its hallways as they enjoy their lessons offered onsite by the California Montessori School.

For the past 40 years, St. John's has been led by Pastor Champion Traylor and his late wife, Pat. During weddings and funerals, weekly services and rallies for hope, through peaceful times and when our nation was at war, this couple gave comfort to their fellow citizens and offered guidance to all who sought it. Sometimes we lose track of the importance of ministry in our daily lives. Pastor Traylor and his wife never lost track of anyone in their ministry.

So let us wish St. John's another 100 years of prosperity. We know that other churches may be larger, but few have been such stalwart members of San Bruno's community for 100 or more years. In the years since St. John's was founded, the first asphalt state highway was laid down just a few miles away in San Bruno, a racetrack was built and then demolished, San Francisco airport went from a mud field to an international destination, and tens of thousands of San Bruno children were raised and left their homes to participate in civic life and commerce. St. John's has remained. It has always served the next wave of Americans and immigrants, allowing all who enter to be encouraged in their spiritual quest and thus allowing America herself to become a more perfect union. May this special place near San Francisco Bay continue to prosper for the next 100 years.

HONORING THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE LAKES

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the City Commission of the City of Lauderdale Lakes located in Broward County, Florida.

This area has long been a retirement location for people from New York and in particular those of the Jewish faith. Those with Caribbean and African American ancestry began to settle there in the late 20th century, making the City a true American success story of diversity, which is now home to over 35,000 people.

In 2014, the City voted to alter the structure of its governing body by establishing a city commission that would be composed of five individuals. In November 2016, the City's residents elected five women of color, making them the only city in Florida to have a commission entirely comprised of women.

Mr. Speaker, to the residents of Lauderdale Lakes, and especially to its Mayor Hazelle Rogers, Vice Mayor Beverly Williams, and City Commissioners Sandra Davey, Gloria Lewis, and Veronica Edwards Phillips, I offer my sincere congratulations on this historic achievement and wish the City many years of continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE ROCKRIDGE SOFTBALL TEAM FOR THEIR 2A STATE TITLE IN SOFTBALL

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rockridge Softball Team from Rockridge High School, for earning the Class 2A title for the Illinois State Championship in softball.

The Rockets took first in finals to claim their title as state champions, and I would like to recognize them for their tremendous accomplishment. Their dedication and passion for their sport meant that they were determined to win gold. As a former athlete, I understand the amount of hard work and commitment to be awarded such a title. They are an example of the importance of dedication and a strong work ethic. I am proud there is such young talent in our community, and to see them represent Taylor Ridge throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate the Rockridge Rockets Softball Team on their title, and I join the rest of the community in wishing them every success in the future.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2851, STOP THE IMPOR- TATION AND TRAFFICKING OF SYNTHETIC ANALOGUES ACT OF 2017; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDER- ATION OF H.R. 5735, TRANSI- TIONAL HOUSING FOR RECOVER- Y IN VIABLE ENVIRONMENTS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDER- ATION OF H.R. 5788, SECURING THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL AGAINST OPIOIDS ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee report (H. Rept. 115-751) to accompany House Resolution 934 included an incorrect amendment header for the text of amendments made in order to Part A. The correct amendment header should have read:

Part A—Text of Amendments to H.R. 2851 Made in Order.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH AN- NIVERSARY OF LITHUANIAN INDEPENDENCE

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the great country of Lithuania and the hundred-year anniversary of her independence. On February 16, 1918, Lithuania declared her independence from the Russian empire and has since been a tremendous ally to the United States in Eastern Europe.

In 1917, in a tumultuous geopolitical climate, dominant superpowers throughout Europe, including the Russian and German empires, were seeking to control the Baltic state of Lithuania. Despite these powerful forces, the Lithuanian people dreamt of a unified, sovereign nation founded on the rich cultural and linguistic history of the region. They longed to gain independence from the powers of Europe and establish their country on democratic values and ideals.

In September 1917, the Vilnius Conference met to begin the process of separating from the Russian Empire. The Conference established a group of 20 men, known as the Council of Lithuania, to act in the interest of the Lithuanian people throughout this arduous process. In December 1917, the Council, led by activist Jonas Basanavičius, declared Lithuania to be independent as a protectorate of Germany. Seeing that the German Empire was weakened by its struggles in World War I, the Council adopted the Act of Independence of Lithuania on February 16, 1918, ultimately liberating the country from the powers of Europe.

Since the days of her independence, Lithuania has maintained a strong working relationship with the United States. Though, for a time during World War II, Lithuania was forcefully annexed and occupied by the Soviet Union, the United States never recognized this lapse in Lithuanian independence and has always supported Lithuania's democratic principles and values. By joining NATO and the UN in 2004, Lithuania has demonstrated a deep commitment to peace and freedom that I am proud to acknowledge here today.

One hundred years removed from this historic independence, it is an honor to recognize the rich history and culture of one of our nation's strongest international allies. With confidence and support, the United States looks forward to additional centuries of Lithuanian strength and prosperity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK SANFORD

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes, as I was in Charleston, South Carolina for the primary election. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 258; YEA on Roll Call No. 259; and YEA on Roll Call No. 260.

RECOGNIZING CHLOE LINDEMAN FOR HER 1A STATE TITLE IN SHOTPUT

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 14, 2018

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chloe Lindeman, a junior from Fulton High School, for earning the Class 1A title for the Illinois State Championship in shot put for track and field.

Chloe Lindeman threw the shot put 47 feet to claim her title as state champion, and I